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- Location: A Soviet radar station and ammunition dump are located in the "Frauenholz" complex, which lies southwest of Grossbardau and northeast of Bernbruch. The entire area is closed off, and the approaches are strictly guarded by Soviet patrols.
- Description: Two roadways cut through the area. On the forest side of the westerly road, approximately 100 meters from the northern boundary of the area, lies a 25-meter-high stone tower with wood and sheet-metal covering on the top. At the peak of this cover is affixed a radar screen which changed its direction repeatedly during the period of observation. One hundred meters inwards from the easterly road are four storage buildings with stone walls and wooden roofs. Each of these measure about 25 meters by 8 meters and are about 7 meters high. All are believed to be used for ammunition storage. Stacked in front of one of these buildings were one-meter-long artillery shells, and Soviet soldiers were busy carrying these shells into the interior of the building.

About 50 meters southeast of the radar tower is found a large, two-story stone building which was recognized as the headquarters building. On the roof of this building is a simple rod antenna, 5 meters high. Great activity prevailed here with officers and men hurrying in and out.

At the southern exit of the westerly road lies another two-story stone building with a gabled roof. On the edges of the roof of this building are found two simple rod antennas, 5 meters high. These two antennas are linked with one another by wires.

In the segment between the easterly road and the eastern edge of the complex were five artillery pieces with prime movers. The pieces had remarkably long barrels, estimated at 3 meters. Both the prime movers and the artillery pieces were covered with cloth and heavily camouflaged with branches and camouflage nets. About 70 meters inside the complex, directly in the southwest corner, lie four wooden shelters for the troops in that area.

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In each of the four corners of this area (NW,SW,SE,NE) lies a 2½ meter-high wooden tower with raised platform. Each of these towers was manned by Soviet soldiers armed with machine pistols. The attentiveness at these posts, however, was not very strict. Often soldiers from the complex came out to the posts and engaged in conversations which diverted the guards from their duty for periods of up to a half hour.

The entrance to the complex is at the point where the westerly road enters the complex from the direction of Bernbruch. This entrance is likewise guarded, with the guard installation consisting of a wooden hut with barriers.

3. Personnel: Soviet officers as well as soldiers were young men between 20 and 30 years of age with European features. They wore green uniforms, without collar patches or regimental insignia.

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